

Looking to Hire a Landscape Maintenance Service?

When interviewing, ask your landscape maintenance contractor to commit to using these best management practices (BMPs) to help protect our waters, our environment, and those you love!



Healthy Waters

Healthy Families

Healthy Plants

Properly compost or dispose of debris at the end of each work shift.

Landscape chemicals and debris can pollute our streams, rivers and our underground drinking water supplies.

Avoid runoff.

Inspect and safely clean the onsite landscape storm drainage facilities (e.g., rain gardens, bio-retention, swales) to ensure they operate as originally designed.

Do not blow or sweep trash, yard debris, soils, chemicals or dust into streets or gutters. Collect it and properly dispose.

Mow high—aim for 3 inches.

Store fertilizers and other chemicals under cover.

Purchase the least amount of landscape chemicals needed for your site.

Check local rules! Never stockpile landscaping material (e.g., dirt, bark dust, sand and gravels) in the roadway unless your municipality allows it.

Adjust sprinklers to minimize irrigation overspray.

Use integrated pest management practices.*

Keep pollutants (e.g., litter, fertilizers, soils, mulch, etc.) from entering storm drains.








Roots hold soils in place. Plant slopes with dense ground covering plants to prevent erosion.

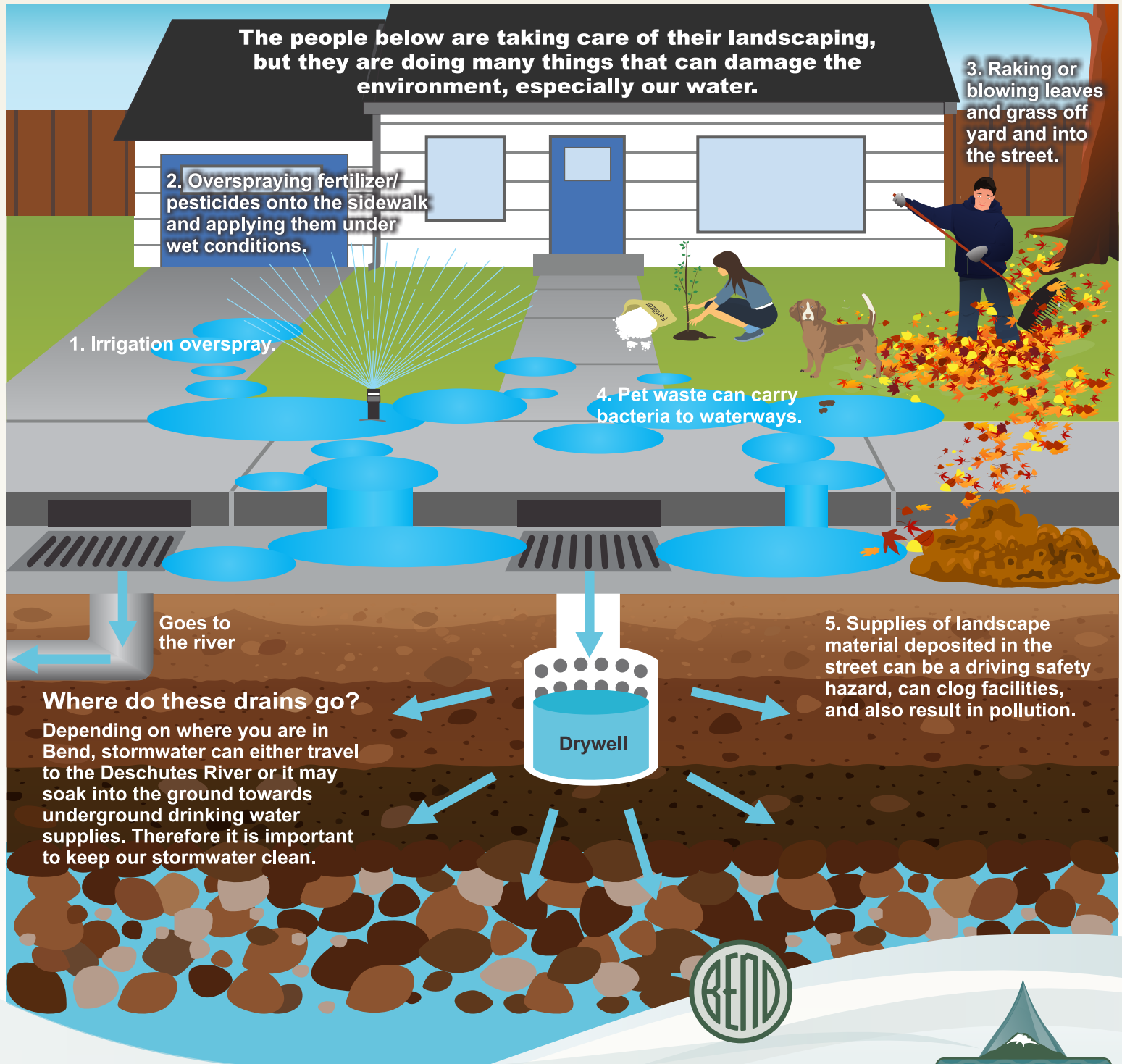
*See <http://ecobiz.org/wp-content/uploads/LANDSCAPE.pdf>

Why Bother with Best Management Practices?

Best Management Practices (BMPs) are designed to protect both our river and underground drinking water quality, and prevent clogging of stormwater facilities. While it may not seem like much, implementing BMPs can really make a positive difference to help protect our waters, properties, and public health.

Do not apply pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers under windy conditions, or when rain, snow, sleet or hail is predicted within the next 48 hours.

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✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓



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